

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**In re Vitamin Antitrust
Class Actions**

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) **Ms. No. 99-0197 (TFH)**
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ORDER

At the last status conference on September 9, class plaintiffs requested that the Court consider lifting the stay on all non-consensual discovery, implemented by Judge Friedman on November 12, 1999, and allowing the first round of document discovery to proceed. After carefully considering this matter and after reviewing Judge Friedman's reasons for the stay, the Court has decided that the stay is no longer appropriate. Since the main parties in this case are now before the Court and since a considerable length of time will be needed for discovery, the Court finds that discovery with respect to the parties currently involved in this case can no longer be delayed. Therefore, for the above-mentioned reasons, it is hereby

ORDERED that the stay is lifted and that the first wave of discovery should begin.

It is further hereby

ORDERED that at this time discovery is limited to documents only.

September ____, 1999

Thomas F. Hogan
United States District Judge